



were her daughters. The Rev. wore the conventional black. It is understood that this happy couple is soon to receive a carriage from the church which Rev. Howard is pastor.

COUNTRY COURTSHIP.

How Mandy and Jim Passed a Rhymedically Delightful Evening in Thinking.

A member of the Cleveland Plain Dealer staff, who spent the summer in the country, is responsible for this. He, the beau, said the writer, came in the early twilight. When he knocked, she opened the door and pretended to be surprised at seeing him.

"Be you Jim?" Jim admitted being "it" by a curt "yes," and followed her into the parlor. He sat down on a chair without leaning back, placed his hat in his lap and clasped his hands over his knees. She sat on the far side of the room with her hands lying one in the



HAVING A LOVELY TIME.

other. After a lapse of 14 minutes he opened the conversation:

"Polks well?" "All 'cept pap; he's down with roomytiz."

Another long and ominous silence—perhaps 20 minutes.

"Goin' t' begin harvestin' t-morrer," he said.

"Dew tell! Must hev airy crops," from her.

Then the clock had the floor for another 17 minutes.

"Boss is sick," she said.

"Wa'al, I'll be durn! Which un?" exclaimed Jim.

"Bay mare."

"Epp'zooticks?"

"Epp'zooticks."

After this outburst nothing was said for 30 minutes.

"Goin' t' th' singin' skule Saturday night?" queried Jim.

"Nobuddy ax't me," she said.

"I axes ye," said Jim, bravely.

"I'll go," she said.

Twenty-five minutes elapsed.

"Ole Boss hed a kaff," said Jim brightening.

"Law, me!" she said.

Twenty minutes passed. Then Jim unlocked his hands, put on his hat and stood up.

"Goin'?" she asked.

"Goin'," he said, and walked out on the porch. She followed him to the door and they both stood thus in silence for ten minutes.

"Must be after three," he said.

"Must be," she said.

"Good night, Mandy," he said.

"Good night, Jim," she said, and shut the door as he walked out of the yard.

And yet this is the twentieth century.

THE MAXIMS OF JUDY.

[George W. Stevens, in July Success.] Many practice humanity to get the under hold.

If you expect to make anything—expect to make mistakes.

Set your stake, and before you reach it set it further ahead.

He that opposes us sharpens our wits and becomes our helper.

I would rather fail and know the cause than succeed and not know why.

It is a mistake to eat all you can, spend all you have, tell all you know or show all you feel.

We look backward regretting, or forward hoping, while the present stands offering us flowers.

Show me a man who has never made a mistake, and I will show you one who has never tried anything.

If we could get a shield from the fear of things that never happen, our troubles would be reduced 90 per cent.

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Paris critics have treated the French version of "Quo Vadis" with marked hostility, asserting that it is a plagiarism from the elder Dumas' "Acte" and Chateaubriand's "Martyrs."

Charles Hawtrely, who comes to this country next season with a fine English reputation to back him up, will appear in New York in the fall in "A Message from Mars." He will be under Charles Frohman's management.